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INVENTION: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KIDNEY DIALYSIS"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add newly submitted Claims 30-41 as follows:

30. A hemodialysis apparatus, comprising:

(a) means for delivering extracorporeal blood to a hemodialyzer and for controlling at least one extracorporeal-blood parameter selected from the group consisting of (i) blood-flow rate, (ii) arterial pressure, (iii) venous pressure, and (iv) anticoagulant delivery to the extracorporeal blood; and